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For: **MANUFACTURE OF WEB OF SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER AND FIBER**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, counsel wishes to make of record certain items of information for the Examiner's consideration in connection with this application. Inclusion herein of any particular item of information is not to be construed as an admission that same is prior art.

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Regarding the Information Disclosure Statement of 7 August 2000, references cited as B19, B20, B22, B23, B24, B26, B27, B30, and B40 were not considered because they are in Japanese with no corresponding Abstract. English abstracts are provided for B19, B20, B22, B23, B24, B26, B27 and B30 as set forth in the present Information Disclosure Statement,

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i), the following are concise explanations of the relevance as understood by the Attorney for the Applicants of each of the publications listed on the attached form not in English:

B1 - JP 01024808 – English language abstract only of this Japanese Patent Publication No. 01024808 discloses reducing residual monomer in hydrophilic high molecular weight polymer such as a superabsorbent polymer in the present invention.

B2 - JP 1178509 – English language abstract only of this Japanese Patent Publication No. 1178509 discloses a water-absorbing resin that is polymerized mildly an aqueous mixture of slurry acrylic acid wherein an alkali metal salt of acrylic acid precipitated in the initial stage of polymerization is dispersed under a reduced pressure wherein the present invention is directed to polymerization of a superabsorbent polymer.

B3 - JP 3045799 – English language abstract only of this Japanese Patent Publication No. 3045799 discloses a pulp fine fiber and filler including a water-swelling cationic polymer wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B4 - JP 3296592 – English language abstract only of this Japanese Patent Publication No. 3296592 discloses a superabsorbent polymer and an aqueous solution containing a specified hydrophilic organic substance wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B5 - JP 6000370 – English language abstract only of this Japanese Patent Publication No. 6000370 discloses a water absorber controlled in water absorbing speed wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B6 - JP 6158581 – English language abstract only of this Japanese Patent Publication No. 6158581 discloses a nonwoven fabric for papermaking that includes water-absorbing fibers wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B7 - JP 6263881 – English language abstract only of this Japanese Patent Publication No. 6263881 discloses superabsorbent polymer particles having specified diameter parameters wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B8 - JP 7025935 – English language abstract only of this Japanese Patent Publication No. 7025935 discloses superabsorbent polymer particles having specific properties wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B9 - JP 8092454 – English language abstract only of this Japanese Patent Publication No. 8092454 discloses a hydrophilic polymer powder due to moisture absorption during storage wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B10 - DE 4206857 – English language abstract only of this German Patent Publication No. 4206857 discloses superabsorbent polymer composition wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B11 - DE 19540951A1 – English language abstract only of this German Patent Publication No. 19540951A1 discloses a water absorbing polymer including a foaming agent wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B12 - DE 19619680A1 – English language abstract only of this German Patent Publication No. 19619680A1 discloses a starch based superabsorbent polymers wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B13 - DE 19807500A1 – English language abstract only of this German Patent Publication No. 19807500A1 discloses a surface treatment of water-absorbing polymers wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B14 - DE 19809540A1 – English language abstract only of this German Patent Publication No. 19809540A1 discloses a foaming treatment of water-absorbing polymers wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B15 – DE 19813443A1 – English language abstract only of this German Patent Publication No. 19813443A1 discloses a surface crosslinking treatment of water-absorbing polymers wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B16 - DE 19846413A1 – English language abstract only of this German Patent Publication No. 19846413A1 discloses a water-swellable hydrophilic polymer including post neutralization wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

B17 - EP 0349240A2 This reference is in English and no concise explanation is required.

B18 - WO 94/25521 – English language abstract only of this PCT 94/25521 discloses a matrix structure including a water-swellable polymer mixed with a polysaccharide polymer wherein the present invention is directed to a wet laid process and product including a superabsorbent polymer.

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	B4	JP 03296592	10/6/1993	Nippon Shokubai Co Ltd		X
	B5	JP 06000370	3/22/1994	Nippon Shokubai Co Ltd		X
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	B7	JP 6263881	12/12/1994	Mitsubishi Paper Mills Ltd		X
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